REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected 35-43 and 45 as indefinite. The Examiner in particular objected

to the wording of claim 35 stating that it is unclear what limitations in the claim are pertaining to

the nozzle itself. In view of this objection, the wording of claim 35 has been amended so that the

features of the nozzle are defined only in terms of the nozzle itself. It is believed that the other

claims were rejected only because of their dependency on claim 35, so that no amendment of

these claims is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 103

The Examiner rejected claims 17-30, 33, 34, 46 for anticipation or obviousness over cited

prior art. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice and without abandonment of the

subject matter of these claims.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claims 31 and 32 as being dependent on a rejected base claim,

but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Despite this,

these claims have been cancelled without prejudice and without abandonment of the subject

matter of these claims.

With these amendments, it is believed that this application is now in condition for

allowance. Favorable action is accordingly courteously requested.

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